

STAFFORD MEMORIAL

Organization Formed to Establish Fund for Purpose.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD

Members of congregation of St. Patrick's and assistants to late pastor, Mr. J. J. Stafford, met at the church last night for the purpose of organizing a fund to establish a memorial fund for the late pastor.

As a mark of the high esteem in which they held their late pastor, Rev. Dr. J. J. Stafford, the parishioners of St. Patrick's Church assembled in the hall of the parish school building immediately after the celebration of high mass yesterday morning and took the steps necessary for the organization of a society to establish a fund to be known as "the Rev. Dr. J. Stafford memorial fund."

There were also present the three priests who had been assistants to the deceased pastor. Addresses were made by prominent members of the congregation, all expressing the wish that a suitable and lasting monument to the people's love for their late pastor should be erected.

The sentiment of the assemblage found expression in applause and prompt acquiescence in the proposition.

Election of Officers.

E. J. Hannan was unanimously selected as president of the organization; J. T. Mankin was appointed secretary, and Rev. Father T. E. McGuigan was designated to act as treasurer.

Besides Father McGuigan, there were present on the stage Rev. W. J. Carroll and Rev. James A. Smyth, all of St. Patrick's Church. Each of the priests made a brief address to the parishioners, telling of the love exhibited by Father Stafford for his flock, and exhorting them to aid in erecting a monument to his memory.

Judge Maurice D. O'Connell, of the Treasury Department, spoke of Rev. Dr. Stafford's personal influence over the men, women, and children with whom he came in contact, whether in a religious, business, or social way. "This power," said the judge, "far exceeded his power exerted in the pulpit or upon the lecture platform."

No Memorial Too Magnificent.

Gwynn Gardner, the next speaker, said: "I feel too deeply the loss we have suffered to attempt to eulogize Dr. Stafford. I simply wish to say the fund we are about to raise cannot be too big or the memorial too magnificent to represent our sentiments toward this great man and priest."

"While he was among us, ministering to the spiritual and bodily wants of his people, nothing was ever exhibited in his demeanor that was mean or egotistical. Let us, then, unite and contribute freely to the fund which is destined to honor his memory to a grateful people."

P. J. C. Trainor advocated the speedy establishment of the proposed memorial. He said, in conclusion, that the memorial be erected or attached to St. Patrick's Church.

"All that is necessary to raise a big fund for so worthy a cause is to let the people know through what channels they may contribute financial aid."

Arrangements for carrying on the project will be completed at an early date by the officers.

Father McGuigan said last night it was not yet decided what form the memorial would assume, but whatever its form, it is the intention of the parish that the memorial be erected or attached to St. Patrick's Church.

B. & O. EARNINGS DECREASE.

Due largely to falling off in gross receipts, explains President.

Commenting upon the decrease of \$1,230,000 in net earnings of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for the month of December, President Murray stated that there was an increase in expenses of \$165,000 more than accounted for by the increased rates of pay and increased charges for depreciation, and that the decrease was primarily due to the falling off of over \$1,000,000 in gross revenue.

Over 85 per cent of the decrease was in connection with the steel industry, particularly coke, ore, pig iron, etc. In the Cincinnati region alone the number of loads of coke moved by all lines was about 23,000, as compared with about 4,000 for December, 1935.

President Murray stated that he had been much gratified by the movement of bituminous coal, which comprises about 50 per cent of the company's tonnage, and showed an increase of something over 100,000 tons, against a general decrease in other commodities. This movement was largely eastbound, rendering it less profitable than is the case when the ordinary large westbound tonnage is moving.

The current reports, said Mr. Murray, indicated a slight resumption of manufacturing industries in the iron district, and that the conditions were favorable for the increased movement of grain.

The statement of earnings and expenses of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for the month of December, 1935, as compared with December, 1934, is as follows:

Gross earnings, 1935, \$2,654,632; 1934, \$2,720,001; decrease, \$1,065,348.

Expenses, 1935, \$1,422,410; 1934, \$1,457,089; increase, \$105,121.

Net earnings, 1935, \$1,092,443; 1934, \$1,262,912; decrease, \$170,469.

For the six months ended December 31, 1935, as compared with the same period of 1934, the statement shows:

Gross earnings, 1935, \$4,285,142; 1934, \$4,711,197; increase, \$1,113,946.

Expenses, 1935, \$2,858,801; 1934, \$2,828,104; increase, \$30,697.

Net earnings, 1935, \$1,258,342; 1934, \$1,443,093; decrease, \$184,751.

This statement includes the following lines: Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railroad Company, Ohio River Railroad Company, West Virginia Short Line Railroad, Ripley and Mill Creek Valley Railroad, Pittsburgh and Western Railroad Company, Pittsburgh, Palmetto and Fairport Railroad, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Toledo Railroad, and Pittsburgh Junction Railroad.

GOPHER SLAYERS ASKS \$30,000.

Want that Amount for Ridding Ranch of Pests.

Roswell, N. Mex., Jan. 19.—William W. Gatewood, a well-known New Mexico lawyer, has left for Del Rio, Tex., to be attorney for the defendants in one of the most unique suits ever filed in Texas, wherein the plaintiff, L. E. McReynolds, is suing for money alleged to be due him for exterminating prairie dogs on 28,000 acres of the great Yellow House ranch, in Lamm, Hickley, Cochran, and Halley counties.

The defendants are J. D. White, millionaire from Iowa, now of Roswell; G. W. Littlefield, of Austin, Tex., and the Littlefield Land and Cattle Company. It is alleged that the defendants agreed with McReynolds, for a great price per acre, to kill and destroy every prairie dog, and that \$20,000 is involved in the suit.

COMMISSIONER IN HOSPITAL.

Mr. West Removed to the Providence to Undergo an Operation.

Commissioner Henry L. West, who has been ill at his home for the past week, was removed to Providence Hospital last night. He is suffering from internal trouble, and though his condition is not serious, it was decided to have an operation performed.

A member of his family stated that the operation, which will be performed this morning, is not dangerous, and that it is thought the Commissioner will be able to be removed to his home in a week or ten days.

SAMAROFF LIKES US.

Celebrated Pianist to Give a Recital at New National.

Mme. Olga Samaroff, celebrated pianist, who is to give a recital at the New National Theater to-morrow afternoon, arrived in Washington last night at 10:30 o'clock.

Mme. Samaroff expressed her delight at again having the opportunity of appearing before the Washington public. She spoke of her appreciation for the manner in which she had been received by the audience in this city at her last public concert, with the Philadelphia Orchestra. "I love to play in Washington," she said.

Mme. Samaroff is a pupil of Delabre, of Berlin. The recital is given under the direction of Mr. Breese Stevens.

NO SIN IN WEALTH

Rev. John Van Schaick Explains Christ's Teaching.

DID NOT DENOUNCE RICHES

To Be Destroyed Only When It Stood in Way of Higher Life, Otherwise a Trust—Classes Nothing to Son of God; Human Soul Everything.

"The attitude of Jesus toward the rich" was the subject of an interesting sermon by Rev. John Van Schaick, Jr., pastor of the Church of Our Father, Universalist, at the morning service yesterday.

Dr. Van Schaick declared that it made but little difference what a man's position was as regarded wealth. He said that before God there are no rich and no poor.

Dr. Van Schaick said in part: "In our day we hear much about the dangers of wealth. From the pulpit and in the press, in the Senate and on the stump men are discussing the problem. One attacks the wealthy as a public menace. Another defends the wealthy as a public necessity."

"But both the enemies of wealth and the apologists for wealth quote often from the Bible, and especially the Gospels, in defense of their views. One says: 'Woe unto you that are rich.' The other says: 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'"

"Spirit of Christ's Utterances." "In the noise and tumult we should be in doubt if we had not one principle to guide us. It is not from one utterance, but from the spirit of all the utterances that we can understand the position which Jesus took."

"It is not true that He taught that the only consistent Christian is a poor Christian. He taught that both poverty and riches are of the soul."

"It was not against wealth as wealth that He took a stand. It was against wealth as the enemy of the higher life. He did not come to eulogize poverty, to denounce wealth, to set the masses against the classes and the classes against the masses. He came to put man into conscious relationship with God."

"Human Soul Only Matters." "One hour he talked to Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. Another hour to a poor woman at the well. With Him classes were nothing. The human soul was everything."

"If wealth stood in the way of a better life, wealth was to be destroyed. Otherwise, it was a trust."

"We praise Robert Burns when he says: 'An honest man, though e'er so poor, is king of men for a' that.' But the Master looked deeper. He would also say to-day, 'What though he has the wealth of Croesus, a man's a man for a' that.'"

"The sin of the poor man is his envy. The sin of the rich man is his pride. From both envy and pride, the Master calls us to be free."

"The highest word of Christianity is brotherhood. Before God there are no rich and no poor. There are the good and the bad."

DEALS WITH DAILY LIFE.

Rev. Dr. Radcliffe Dwells on the Corruptness of the World.

Choosing his text from the gospel of St. John, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of," Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, delivered an eloquent sermon at the services last night.

The speaker dealt with incidents of daily life and showed that man dies of daily life and showed that man dies of daily life.

"The common man," said Dr. Radcliffe, "wants common food. His senses all demand that which is common. He yields to the snares of life, and thus is brought to the dust."

Telling of the corruptness prevalent in the world, the pastor continued: "Very few are there who can say in the words of Agassiz: 'I haven't the time to make money.' Nevertheless, there are here in our city men and women who are giving their lives and labor for the love of art."

In the various government departments in this city men are working at their profession at small salaries, when, on the outside, they could easily earn princely salaries. These men are not of the common class, but are men who have meat to eat that we know not of—they are laboring because of the love of their profession."

TO PREVENT THE GRIP.

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MAKE THEIR AVOWAL

Columbia Turnverein Installs a Fools' Judge.

ALL WEAR THEIR DUNCE CAP

Thereafter Every Man and Woman Is Admitted to Sacred Precincts of Prince Carnival, Where Much Merry-making Results—Tribune Is Mocked at Call of Presiding Judge

There being a day in the year when the sons and daughters of the German Fatherland publicly acknowledge the fact that the world, after all, is nothing but a big joke, and when they subscribe to the saying of the immortal Shakespeare, "What fools these mortals be," the members of the Columbia Turnverein assembled at their hall last night to make public avowal of their foolishness in words and deeds. It was the Narren Stizung, or annual fools' session, and men and women, young and old, were called upon by the Kleine Rath, or the Fools' Court, to mount the tribune at the call of the presiding fools' judge and give testimony to their foolish deeds in the past year. A fools' session would not be complete without the cap and bells, and every one admitted to the session was, therefore, compelled to don the multi-colored fool's cap before being permitted to enter the sacred precincts of Prince Carnival.

Presides Over Court.

The court, which was presided over by E. F. Mann, boss Narr, consisted of the following assistant Narren: Julius Duenring, Carl Egolf, Carl Hamml, Rudolph Saur, Carl Schroeder, William Ruckdasehl, and John E. Mergner. The fool judges were Paul Halfter and Charles Kollmar, both of whom were attired in the costume of court jesters, and hailed those who were called upon to make confession before the Kleine Rath, who occupied a rostrum surmounted by the Stars and Stripes and the bust of Vater Jahn, der turnvater.

To the strains of the Narren march, the court, preceded by the bullfins, entered and took its place upon the rostrum, the Narren richter at once announcing the fool's rules and regulations governing the transactions of the evening. By observing these rules, there was nothing left for those participating but to be naechrich.

The Washington Saengerbund was represented by a delegation, of which Frank Claudy, who has acted as the fools' judge of the bund for many years, was chairman. Adolph Levy, the jester of the bund, was also present, as was Mr. Scheuermann, controller of the Saengerbund.

Wears a Fool's Cap.

Mrs. Pauline Walther, wearing a fool's cap, ascended the steps of the podium and pressed upon the golden locks of Narren Koenig Mann the cap of the evening, after which Mr. Claudy, of the Saengerbund, was cited before the court. In eloquent words, he explained why it was well to be a fool at times, and that it took a wise man to be a good fool. He said there was enough room under the fool's cap for both the Saengerbund and the Turnverein to live in peace and harmony.

A. Buehler, president of the Turner, in caustic words, laid bare the follies and shortcomings of the various German societies, some of which, he said, were spending their time and money in self-irrigation and pinocchio playing instead of attending to their duties as singers, turners, and members of sick benefit and other organizations.

Adolph Levy, jester of the Saengerbund, advised the Turners to come out manfully and support the W. C. T. U. in its effort to introduce prohibition into the District of Columbia. Mr. Levy prophesied that if prohibition were to be boss Washington, the seat of the government would be transferred to Alexandria, Va., on the map.

Some Home Truths.

G. Fink roasted Dr. Baerenrege, and John Schoettle told the members a few home truths about the Turnfest at Wilmington. Mrs. Walther brought down the house with her witty remarks on the officers of the society, each of whom she presented with an appropriate souvenir.

Herbert Levy made one of his typically side-splitting speeches, sparring none. A comical sketch was presented by S. Schachar, G. Fink, and A. Meisner. Original songs, set to original music, were sung by the assembly at intervals. Refreshments were served.

PROHIBITIONIST SPEAKS.

Matthew E. O'Brien Condemns Sale of Liquor Before Audience.

Matthew E. O'Brien, Congressional representative of the prohibition National Committee, in an address last night in Metropolitan Memorial M. E. Church, made a strong attack on liquor dealers and the liquor traffic.

He is a native of Bridgeport, Conn., and came to Washington for the purpose of securing legislation to prevent the sale of liquor in the District.

"Bishop Satterlee has said he does not favor prohibition because it is useless to make laws that cannot be enforced," said Mr. O'Brien, "but this is a delusion. If the national government can prohibit the sale of decayed meat and enforce the law, it can also prohibit the sale of intoxicants and enforce the law. If all the beef in Chicago that is unfit to eat was sold, it would not cause one-tenth the harm the liquor traffic is doing."

When the law was passed in my native town of Bridgeport prohibiting the sale of liquor on Sunday I requested the owners of the large factories to keep a record of the number of men who failed to appear for work on Monday morning. These records showed that only 3 per cent of the force were absent on Monday after the law was passed, while 10 per cent was absent on Monday before the law was passed.

"In the following three months there was an increase of \$2,200 in the savings banks of the town. These are cold, hard figures, and they tell the truth. Every dollar that passes over the bar is taken out of the legitimate channels of trade."

SERMON BY REV. S. J. COREY.

Cincinnati Divine Heard at Vermont Avenue Christian Church.

Rev. Stephen J. Corey, of Cincinnati, preached yesterday morning in Vermont Avenue Christian Church on "Evangelizing the World in a Single Generation."

In the evening Rev. Frederick E. Hagin, missionary returned from Japan, spoke on "Missions in Japan."

A foreign missionary rally will be held in the church this afternoon. In addition to Dr. Power, pastor of the church; Dr. Corey, and Dr. Hagin, other prominent local ministers will speak. The services will be under the auspices of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. No appeal will be made for money, and all persons interested in foreign missions are asked to be present.

THROUGH AT STATION TO WELCOME KEMP

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was riding in a railway train en route to New Orleans. In all my life I had not been away from home on Christmas Day. I would gladly have turned back then, but was unable to do so. I had little money; only enough to carry me to my destination.

"The day following my arrival in New Orleans I recognized several persons I had known in Washington, but made no attempt to hide myself. I am a little fellow, and when they subscribe to the saying of the immortal Shakespeare, 'What fools these mortals be,' the members of the Columbia Turnverein assembled at their hall last night to make public avowal of their foolishness in words and deeds. It was the Narren Stizung, or annual fools' session, and men and women, young and old, were called upon by the Kleine Rath, or the Fools' Court, to mount the tribune at the call of the presiding fools' judge and give testimony to their foolish deeds in the past year. A fools' session would not be complete without the cap and bells, and every one admitted to the session was, therefore, compelled to don the multi-colored fool's cap before being permitted to enter the sacred precincts of Prince Carnival."

Police Were Not Sure.

"Even after I had been taken to police headquarters the New Orleans officers were not sure they had the right man, although Brennan identified me. They were unable to identify me by the photograph, but they gave me a \$200 reward for my arrest. When they realized they had the right man, however, they did everything in their power to make me comfortable. I was given the best ventilated cell room, and furnished with new blankets."

Kemp's attitude toward the Washington police was clearly shown by an incident while he was in prison in New Orleans. A doorman or turnkey, who overheard Kemp talking with persons to the strains of the Narren march, asked for an interview. Interpreted the conversation, and made an attack on the Washington police force, openly asserting its members were not making an effort to apprehend the absconding clerk. Kemp is said to have rebuked the intruder.

"Regardless of my situation, I was angered at the remarks the man made," said Kemp yesterday on the train. "During my twenty-three years' sojourn in different capacities in the Washington police department, I learned of what stuff the men were made."

"So far as I am aware, I met none of the members of the police force of Washington in the time that I was traveling about the country. I do not believe any of them saw me, for I know if they had they would have placed me under arrest. They are good, honest policemen. I believe, however, I could have evaded arrest. While in New Orleans I became acquainted with the manager of a large plantation in one of the remote countries of South America. He persuaded me to go to the place, and assured me I could obtain excellent employment as an over-seer. If I had reached the place, I doubt if I would have ever been arrested."

His Chance to Escape.

"A few hours before my arrest, I had a long talk with the owner of a plantation in the backwoods of Louisiana. He was desirous of employing a care-taker. He was wealthy, and willing to give me a position which would carry with it handsome compensation. I refused his offer, however. I had no desire to run away then. I wanted to return to Washington."

Kemp said that from July 3 to October 8 he saw no Washington papers, and only one of Baltimore. He also said that from the day of his disappearance from Washington until after being imprisoned in New Orleans he neither communicated with his family or any of his friends.

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AGED WOMAN BURNED

Anxiety to Rescue Savings May Cost Her Life.

CONFLICTING STORIES OF FIRE

Victim Says She Found Herself in Flames While Reading—Police Say Oil Stove Is Responsible, and Was Ignited by Miss Austin.

Miss Mary Austin, 60-year-old widow, who was burned last night when a fire broke out in her home at 1230 Eleventh street northwest, was taken to the Homeopathic Hospital, where she is now lying.

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A curious coincidence is that Robert Bell died mysteriously in the same room in which Miss Austin was burned last night about five weeks ago. It is said the cause of his death was never fully ascertained.

Mrs. Margaret Montgomery, a dressmaker, occupies 1135 Ninth street, and rents a number of rooms to lodgers. Miss Austin came to the house about three weeks ago and rented a room. She told Mrs. Montgomery she worked for her living, but did not state where she was employed.

Last night, soon after supper, Miss Austin went to her room, according to the story she told at the Homeopathic Hospital, and started to read a while before going to bed. After she had been reading about two hours, she said, she suddenly discovered her clothes were on fire. Frightened, she rushed screaming into the hall.

Manuel Beech, who said he resided at 726 Eleventh street northwest, was passing. He hurried into the house and attempted to get Miss Austin to the street. The room at this time was filled with smoke and the bedclothes were afire.

Tried to Rescue Her Savings.

She broke away from Beech and tried to re-enter the room, screaming frantically that all her money was in the bureau. Beech again tried to persuade her to leave the house, but she would not listen. Beech took her to the street, and his arms and carried her to the street.

By this time the fire had spread to the house were frantic efforts were made and had to be abandoned. The floor by the firemen.

Miss Austin was badly burned on the upper portion of her body, and her face is hardly recognizable. Her hair is entirely burned from her head. She says she believes her clothes caught fire from the gas jet.

Police Version of Fire.

The police say that Miss Austin was, at the time of the fire, in another room of the house. One of the boarders, according to their version, smelled the smoke and made an investigation. Miss Austin then attempted to enter the room, the police say, and was burned.

The damage to the house and furniture is estimated at \$500.

ALLIGATOR DOG'S FRIEND.

Old Pair of Animals Eat and Sleep Comfortably Together.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 18.—Jim, an alligator, and Towser, a dog, the property of C. C. Merz, of 18 South Front street, have formed a friendship which is one of the most remarkable in animal life. They even sleep together under the platform where their master has his workbench.

The alligator, which is now six feet long, has been the property of Mr. Merz ever since it was a baby, seventeen years ago. It is a pet and travels all over the house.

It stops eating about the first of December and fasts until June. During this period it remains in a sluggish condition. Its usual diet during its "eating period" consists of raw beef, varied with an occasional rat.

In the summer it is active and has established a reputation as a pigeon catcher. When an unwary pigeon lights near Jim in the back yard, there is a quick snap, and the pigeon is gone.

KEEPS LOOT; FREES SUSPECT.

Court Refuses to Return Money to Man Acquitted of Robbing.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 19.—Judge C. H. Hanford, of the United States Circuit Court, has refused to return to Peter Walters \$500, which was found in the left shoe of the latter when arrested several days ago for complicity in the robbery of the post-office at Baker, Wash. Walters was acquitted, but the court refused to give him the money. Walters says that he found the \$500 near the post-office after the robbery, and that the money is his not by right of earning it, but by luck.

The money is now in the possession of the court, where it will remain until some one can come forward and establish beyond question that it is his. The United States district attorney asserts that the money was part of the loot taken from the robbed office, and it is not expected that any one will establish a claim.

Southern Reduces Expenses.

Spencer, N. C., Jan. 19.—Following its general plan of reducing operating expenses, the Southern Railway Company yesterday cut the force employed at the Spencer shops to five days in the week. All departments are to be kept on a minimum, which it is understood, is general over the entire system.

HER BODY PETRIFIES.

Woman in Grave Seventeen Years Turns to Stone.

Shippensburg, Pa., Jan. 19.—At the disinterment of the body of Mrs. Sarah Grist at the old Mennonite graveyard, Ringgold, Mason and Dixon Line, the body was found to be petrified and so heavy that it was lifted from the grave with much difficulty.

There were only a few traces of the coffin, but the entire body—face, hands, and features—was perfectly preserved. Even the folds of the garments were hardened so that they remained as when the body was buried, seventeen years ago.

The grave is in low ground, close to a limestone spring, the water from which saturated the soil and converted the body into stone.

CONVENT NEAR MONTREAL BURNED.

Montreal, Jan. 19.—The Roman Catholic convent of St. Anne, at St. Remi, near Montreal, was completely destroyed by fire to-day, entailing a loss of \$50,000.

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